

## OPINION 1354

*AGROTIS REDIMICULA* MORRISON, 1874 (LEPIDOPTERA):  
CONSERVED FROM 1874

**RULING.** — Under the plenary powers it is hereby ruled that the specific name *redimicula* Morrison, as published in the binomen *Agrotis redimicula*, is a justified emendation of the specific name *redimacula* Morrison, 1874, as published in the binomen *Agrotis redimacula*.

(2) The specific name *redimicula* Morrison, 1874 as published in the binomen *Agrotis redimicula*, and as validated under the plenary powers in (1) above is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 3022.

(3) The specific name *redimacula* Morrison, 1874, as published in the binomen *Agrotis redimacula*, and as invalidated by the ruling under the plenary powers in (1) above is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1161.

## HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.)2305

An application for the conservation of *Agrotis redimicula* Morrison, 1874 was first received from Dr J. D. Lafontaine (*Biosystematics Research Institute, Ottawa, Canada*) on 15 May 1979. After some correspondence a revised draft was sent to the printers on 24 February 1981 and published in *Bull. zool. Nom.*, vol. 39, pp. 54–56. Public notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the statutory serials, to seven general and nine entomological serials. No comment was received.

## DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 15 January 1985 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (1985)3 for or against the use of plenary powers in the case and then for either alternatives (1)(a), (2) and (3) set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.*, vol. 39, pp. 54–55 or for alternatives (1)(b), (2) and (3) set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.*, vol. 39, p. 55. At the close of the voting period on 15 April 1985 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes for alternatives (1)(a), (2) and (3) — nine (9) received in the following order: Holthuis, Brinck, Savage, Willink, Sabrosky, Trjapitzin, Hahn, Corliss, Dupuis

Affirmative Votes for alternatives (1)(b), (2) and (3) — twelve (12) received in the following order: Melville, Lehtinen, Mroczkowski, Cocks, Starobogatov, Bayer, Alvarado, Kraus, Heppell, Bernardi, Schuster, Ride

Affirmative votes for (1)(b) only — one (1) Cogger

Uéno voted against the use of the plenary powers.

A late affirmative vote for alternatives (1)(a), (2) and (3) was returned by Halvorsen.

A late affirmative vote for alternatives (1)(b), (2) and (3) was returned by Binder.

Heppell commented: 'If the plenary powers are used to conserve the spelling "*redimicula*" from 1874, the "alternatives" presented to the Commission seem to be nonsense. The original spelling of the name is "*redimacula*". If the Commission decides this is an incorrect original spelling, the correct orthography "*redimicula*" is ipso facto a justified emendation. It may be deemed to be "correct" but to deem it "original" is patently absurd. I presume "*redimicula*" must be treated as indeclinable [Article 31b], being neither adjectival nor, unlike "*unimacula*", a noun in apposition (as "*redimiculum*" is a neuter noun). It is unfortunate that this ambiguity is not covered in the proposed ruling.'

#### ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion: *redimacula*, Agrotis, Morrison, 1874, *Proc. Bost. Soc. nat. Hist.*, vol. 17, p. 165

*redimicula*, Agrotis, Morrison, 1874, *ibid.*, p. 165.

#### CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (85)3 were cast as set out above, that the proposals contained in that voting paper have been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1354.

R. V. MELVILLE

Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

London

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